AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A multimedia messaging system, comprising:

a mailbox configured to receive and store one or more messages;

a capacity calculator configured to determine the amount of space occupied by said one or more received messages; and

a message transmittal unit configured to automatically enable a plurality of notification messages to be generated across multiple user specified media and serially sent to a plurality of locations including at least one email address in response to said capacity calculator determining that the amount of space occupied by said one or more received messages exceeds a predetermined threshold;

wherein a notification message is sent to a subsequent one of the plurality of locations if said one of the plurality of notification message messages has not been received and responded to by an authorized user at a previous one of the plurality of locations.

2. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 1, wherein said capacity calculator is configured to count the number of said one or more messages stored in said mailbox.

3.　　(Original)　　The system of claim 1, wherein said capacity calculator is configured to determine the amount of time said one or more messages occupy.

4.　　(Original)　　The system of claim 1, wherein said mailbox is located in a non-volatile memory device.

5.　　(Original)　　The system of claim 4, wherein said capacity calculator is configured to determine the amount of non-volatile memory consumed by said one or more messages.

6.　　(Previously Presented)　　The system of claim 1, wherein said capacity calculator is configured to count the number of minutes said one or more messages occupy.

7.　　(Original)　　The system of claim 1, wherein said non-volatile memory device includes a fixed disk drive.

8.　　(Original)　　The system of claim 1, non-volatile memory device includes flash memory.

9.　　(Original)　　The system of claim 1, wherein said notification messages include one or more facsimile messages.

10.   (Original)   The system of claim 1, wherein said notification messages include one or more telephone messages.

11.   (Original)   The system of claim 1, wherein said notification messages include one or more pager notifications.

12.   (Original)   The system of claim 1, wherein said notification messages include one or more electronic mail messages.

13.   (Currently Amended)   A multimedia messaging system, comprising:

a mailbox configured to receive and store one or more messages;

a capacity calculator configured to determine the amount of space occupied by said one or more received messages; and

a message transmittal unit configured to automatically enable a plurality of notification messages to be generated across multiple user specified media in response to said capacity calculator determining that the amount of space occupied by said one or more received messages exceeds a predetermined threshold;

wherein a notification message is sent to a subsequent one of the plurality of locations if said one of the plurality of notification message messages has not been received and responded to by an authorized user at a previous one of the plurality of locations;

wherein said at least one of said plurality of notification messages include includes changing the cadence of a message waiting light on a telephone associated with the mailbox.

14.   (Currently Amended)   A multimedia messaging system, comprising:

a mailbox configured to receive and store one or more messages;

a capacity calculator configured to determine the amount of space occupied by said one or more messages; and

a message transmittal unit configured to automatically enable a plurality of notification messages to be generated across multiple user specified media in response to said capacity calculator determining that the amount of space occupied by said one or more messages exceeds a predetermined threshold;

wherein a notification message is sent to a subsequent one of the plurality of locations if said one of the plurality of notification message messages has not been received and responded to by an authorized user at a previous one of the plurality of locations;

wherein at least one of said plurality of said notification messages include includes modifying a dial tone of a telephone associated with the mailbox.

15.   (Original)   The system of claim 14, wherein said modified dial tone includes changing the frequency of the dial tone.

16.   (Currently Amended)   The system of claim 14, wherein at least one of said plurality of said notification messages includes stuttering the telephone dial tone.

17.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, further including a user alert profile table to store information as to where said notification messages are to be sent.

18.   (Original)   The system of claim 1, wherein said multimedia messaging system is an electronic mail system.

19.   (Original)   The system of claim 1, wherein said multimedia messaging system is a facsimile system.

20.   (Original)   The system of claim 1, wherein said multimedia messaging system is a voice mail system.

21 – 26. (Canceled)

27.   (Currently Amended)   In a multimedia messaging system, a method for generating notification messages, comprising:

receiving and storing one or more messages;

determining the amount of space occupied by said one or more received messages; and

automatically enabling a plurality of notification messages to be generated across multiple user specified media and serially sent to a plurality of locations including at least one email address in response to determining that the amount of space occupied by said one or more received messages exceeds a predetermined threshold;

determining if a user received at least one notification message by awaiting for a response by the user;

determining if the user who received the at least one notification message is authorized; and

wherein a notification message is sent to a subsequent one of the plurality of

locations if said <u>one of the plurality of</u> notification ~~message~~ <u>messages</u> has not been

received by ~~the~~ <u>an authorized</u> user at a previous one of the plurality of locations.

28.　　**(Previously Presented)**　　The method of claim 27, further including the step of

storing one or more addresses where said notification messages are to be sent.